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**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**OPEN-SESSION Minutes
Thursday, June 16, 2011**

The OPEN Session Meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on the above date in Room 401 of the Cannon Building, RI Department of Health. PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended Jonathan Mundy, Chairperson.

Members Present

Chris Albanese (Secretary), Kathleen Kettle, Richard Hathaway, Karen DiStefano, Susan DelMonico,

Michael Cacchiotti

Members Absent

Jonathon Mundy (Chairperson), Kelly Orr

Staff Present

Cathy Cordy, Linda Phillips, Patrick Kelly, Pamela Schultz and Ashley Marchand(student intern)

Call to Order

Secretary Chris Albanese called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

1.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the OPEN Session Meeting held on May 19, 2011 were reviewed. Susan Delmonico

moved that the minutes be approved. Kathleen Kettle seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Issued Pharmacy Licenses – As Attached

A list of new pharmacy licenses was distributed to the Board for review. On a motion made by

Richard Hathaway and seconded by Karen DiStefano, the list of licenses was approved by unanimous consent.

3.0 OLD BUSINESS

NABP Annual Meeting Overview:

Cathy Cordy, Sue DelMonico & Karen DiStefano attended the NABP Annual Meeting. FDA and DEA gave updates at the meeting. It was mentioned by the DEA that electronic prescribing for control substances is still about a year away. Also mentioned was the large number of medications in short supply. This short supply is largely due to the limited number of FDA inspectors available to inspect raw materials coming into the US used to manufacture the medications. Another topic discussed was PMP Interconnect in which the NABP is attempting to pool together PMP information from all participating states for all to share.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

FPGEC requirements for Intern Licensing-Dorcas Place:

Dr. Manuela Raposo from Dorcas Place spoke to the Board regarding their “RI Welcome Back Center” which provides internationally trained health professionals who earned their credentials outside of the US with licensure, certification, professional development, and language assistance necessary to enter the workforce in Rhode Island.

Technician Licensing-Requirement of National Certification:

Discussion took place regarding that it appears that the level of competency among technician II's is Inconsistent. Some technician II programs certify the graduate upon passage of an exam, however do not require annual CE's for the technician to remain certified. It was discussed if the Board should require newly licensed Tech II's to be PTCB certified. Cathy Cordy will review the reg's and report back to the Board regarding this topic.

Subcommittee Establishment for Pharmacist Immunizations - Children 9 yrs. of Age and Up - Amended Regulations:

A immunization bill was just passed in RI legislature which allows pharmacists certified to do so, to be able to immunize persons 9 yrs. of age or older. The Board will form a subcommittee to review the new law and see what changes are needed in the current reg's. Kathleen Kettle volunteered to be part of the committee and it was suggested that Kelly Orr, who was absent today, also be part of the committee as well as several other community members who have a special interest in the area of pharmacist immunization.

5.0 PIC APPEARANCES:

The following new Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) appeared before the Board of Pharmacy to receive

advice from Board members and also receive a current copy of Rules and Regulations governing

the practice of Pharmacy in Rhode Island: Elizabeth Asher and Meav Ainley.

6.0 ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 46-45-5 of the RI General Laws for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licenses; and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held in an open meeting.

Richard Hathaway made a motion to close the OPEN Meeting and adjourn to CLOSED Session in accordance with Sections 42-46-5(a) (1) and (4). Karen DiStefano seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The OPEN Meeting session adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

7.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Susan Delmonico made a motion to reopen the OPEN Session. The motion was seconded by

Kathleen Kettle. The motion carried on unanimous consent. The

Board returned to

OPEN Session at 12:36 p.m.

8.0 FINAL ACTIONS

None

9.0 ADJOURN

Being no other business before the Board, Karen DiStefano made a motion to adjourn

the meeting at 12:40 p.m. Susan Delmonico seconded the motion.

The motion

carried on unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris M. Albanese

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Secretary, Board of Pharmacy